THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAB NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) have received some complaints with regard to appointment/Selections made at Trivandrum International Airport. These are being looked into.

Special leave for favoured employees in A.I.

900. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "SPECIAL LEAVE FOR FAVOURED EMPLOYEES" which appeared in the 'MIDDAY' Bombay of 7th September 1989; and

(b) if so, what action Government are proposing to step such favouritism in Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The allegation made in the news item is not true in that Air India has not refused Special leave to any person on a request made by recognised Union/Association/Guild during the last five years.

(b) Does not arise.

Sanction of special casual leave by AI

901. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees have been sanctioned special casual leave by Air India for more than 10 days during the preceding three calendar years;

(b) the details of such sanction with reasons for such leave granted;

(c) whether the Managing Director of Air India is authorised to sanction more than 10 days special casual leave to its employees; and

(d) if not, who authorised the sanction herein above?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Requests for special leave rejected by AI

902. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) in how many cases requests for Special Leave have not been considered by Air India during the last three years; and

(b) the details of all such requests rejected by Air India for Special Leave during the above period alongwith the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As per records during the last three years, Special Leave has not been refused to any person on a request made by recognised Unions/Associations/Guilds.

(b) Does not arise.

SC/ST employees of Air India under suspension

903. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many SC/ST employees of Air India have been placed under Suspension for more than six months during the last three years:

(b) the details of each case with period of suspension;

(c) in how many cases enquiry has been conducted and in how many cases the concerned persons have been found guilty: and

(d) whether any salary for the suspension period has been paid to such employees not found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) During the last 3 years nine SC/ST employees of Air India have been placed under suspension for more than six months.

(b) to (d) Enquiry has been ordered into all the nine cases. In seven cases the concerned persons have been found guilty and in two cases, enquiry is in progress. Further details are being obtained and will be laid on the table of the House.

Policy of the management of Air India imposing suspension pending enquiry

904. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees of Air India are on suspension pending enquiry as on date;

(b) the details of designation, department-wise and Caste-Status, SC or ST of the persons placed under suspension;

(c) what is the policy of the management of Air India for imposing suspension pending enquiry; and

(d) whether any written guidelines have been issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scheme for Financial Aid to Travel Agents and Tour Operators

905. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any Scheme to extend financial aid to the travel agents and tour operators for their promotional efforts;

(b) if so, when was the scheme introduced;

(c) what are the details of the rules and regulations made by the Ministry when the scheme was introduced and subsequent changes that have been made in them from time to time;

(d) what is the total amount disbursed to the various parties with full details for each disbursement since the inception of this scheme;

(e) whether there is any element of discrimination between various types and sizes of the travel agents/tour operators; and

(f) if so, what for the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A scheme for giving assistance to approved Tour Operators and Trevel Agents in various fields for helping them to develop international tourist traffic to India was introduced in 1988-89. The scheme is called 'Assistance for Development of International Tourism' (ADIT).

(c) The detailed guidelines; criteria and a list of subsequent modification/additions incorporated in the scheme from time to time are enclosed at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 21].

(d) The details for each disbursement to various parties since the inception of the scheme is enclosed at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 22].

(e) and (f) The assistance is preferably extended to the companies which are smaller and need the assistance for taking up their promotion abroad. However, the assistance is also provided to big concerns as and when they undertake new ventures and for the development and promotion of comparatively new thrust areas.

Projects for development of International Airports

906. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govt. propose to invest about Rs. 731 crore on various development projects at its International Airports;